



Marine Aircraft Group-41 Sergeant Major Sgt. Maj. G. Leal

Date of tour: 031221 – present

Sgt. Maj. G. Leal was born and raised in Abilene, Texas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in May of 1976. After completing Communications School in Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., Pvt. Leal reported to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In 1978, Cpl. Leal reported to 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, and deployed to the Western Pacific with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. In 1978, Sgt. Leal returned to San Diego as a First Battalion drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

In August 1981, Sgt. Leal reported to Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. In May 1982, Staff Sgt. Leal reported for duty as an instructor to Communications Electronic School, Twenty-Nine Palms.

From 1983 to 1985, Staff Sgt. Leal Reported back to MCRD San Diego, as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor and series chief drill instructor for First Battalion, Alpha Company.

After a meritoriously promotion to gunnery sergeant, he completed his tour as a standard operating procedure instructor and physical training instructor at Drill Instructor School in January 1987.

In January 1987, Gunnery Sgt. Leal reported to headquarters Battalion, 3rd Maine Division, Okinawa, Japan, where he was a communications chief and company gunnery sergeant.

In February 1988, Gunnery Sgt. Leal reported to the 3rd Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Hawaii until 1990 where he reported to Marine Wing Support Squadron-174. He was promoted to first sergeant in November of that year. During that time, First Sgt. Leal was transferred to General Support Group-2, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group in Southeast Asia. In May 1991, First Sgt. Leal transferred to Bravo Co., 7th Communications Battalion in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

In 1992, First Sgt. Leal served as the Inspector/Instructor for Kilo Co., 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, Danville, IL.

On October 1994, First Sgt. Leal reported to 1st Combat Engineers Battalion. Later, he reported to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment in September of 1995 as the battalion sergeant major. Sgt. Maj. Leal reported to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in June 1999.

In January 2001, Sgt. Maj. Leal transferred to 1st Marine Regiment. In December 2003, Sgt. Maj. Leal transferred to Marine Aircraft Group-41, and is currently the serving as the group sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Leal participated in Operations: Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Joint Task Force-6 Counter Drug Operations, Anvil 2, Desert Fox, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

His personal awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with Combat "V" Device, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon. He currently holds a first-degree black belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

Sgt. Maj. Leal is married to the former Elena Herrandes of San Diego. They have two daughters: Monica (22) and Sonia (19).